Cooperative Societies. however, Industrial licence issued to such a cooperative cannot be transferred to any other entity.

(vii) All applications for expansion of the existing factories will be cleared automatically.

(viii) Applications for grant of Industrial licences for the establishment of new sugar factories as well as expansion of existing units should be submitted to the Secretariat for Industrial Assistance (SIA) in the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi in Form IL, along with the prescribed fee of Rs. 2500/- The applications received for grant of licences would be referred by SIA to the Department of Food and the concerned State Governments/UTs for their comments. If no comments are received from either Department of Food or the concerned State Governments/UTs within one month after their comments are asked for, it shall be deemed that they have no comments to offer. The Licensing Committee would thereafter consider the application for industrial licence and make appropriate recommendations.

B. The procedure and guidelines, as given above, are brought to the notice of the entrepreneurs for their information and guidance

(ASHOK KUMAR)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

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[Translation]

Hospitals for Bhopal Gas Tragedy

2025. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether hospital buildings have been constructed by spending crores of rupees in Bhopal in the aftermath of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy which are not being used;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have prepared any scheme for the utilisation of the vacant hospital buildings ; and

(d) if so, the outlines of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) As part of the Action Plan for relief and rehabilitation of the gas victims at Bhopal, about Rs. 100 crores have been spent for setting up hospitals. Seventy five percent of this amount has been provided by the Central Government to the Government of Madhya Pradesh as grant. Some of these hospitals are already functioning and the State Government has prepared a plan to provide the necessary equipment in the vacant hospitals to make them also functional.

[English]

Supply of Milk Products

2026. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Co-op Marketing Federation Limited, Anand, is neither making available its products directly to the Kendriya Bhandar (Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd.) New Delhi nor appointing any dealers to supply its items ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited is a Cooperative Society registered under the Cooperative Societies Act. The Federation has full autonomy in its day to day management and affairs and Government of India has no role to play in its day to day functioning and its sale and marketing policy or strategy. It is entirely upto the Federation to appint its dealers and/or traders for its products depending upon the market requirements. At present Kendriya Bhandar (Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Societies Ltd.) is buying the Dhara range of edible oils from Gujarat cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. (GCMMF). Anand. Kendriya Bhandar had requested GCMMF to supply Anand Dairy Products on credit which was regretted by GCMMF as it is the organization's policy not to extend credit.

Pooyamkutty Hydel Power Project

2027. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:
SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) wether a expert study team has visited Pooya mkutty Hydro-Electric Project in Kerala for re-examining the possibility to give clearance to the project ;

(b) if so, the findings of the expert study group ; and